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Sir:

In further response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on August 28, 2002, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

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Amendments

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 163 without prejudice.

Kindly substitute and add the following claims:

69. (Four Times Amended) The primer oligonucleotide of claim 67, wherein said primer oligonucleotide comprises a nucleotide base sequence of the same length and fully complementary to the nucleotide base sequence of said region.

70. (Five Times Amended) The primer oligonucleotide of claim 67, wherein the nucleotide base sequence of said primer oligonucleotide consists of a nucleotide base sequence of